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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. I met with Mr. Bader and Mr. Maxwell from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. on this date during which meeting they reviewed the listing of histories item-by-item and made an official request for 53 of them.

2. I explained to them that the list had not yet been approved for them to take with them. I further explained that the histories which they had requested would have to be reviewed internally for protecting sources and methods and externally for involvement of the White House.

3. They obviously think they have uncovered a gold mine, and I took it upon myself to suggest to them that they not rely too heavily on histories because these were no substitute for the knowledge residing in the minds of senior people or for the basic documentation underlying the histories.

4. By way of background, they explained that the Committee expects them to produce an original historical account of the Agency detailing specific authorities for various kinds of activities and the evolution of the organization through the years. They are also considering, although this does not have Staff or Committee approval, writing case studies of activities by the Agency which were outstandingly successful or unsuccessful. For example, they are toying with the idea of writing up the history of the U-2 for this purpose.

5. Mr. Bader and Mr. Maxwell seemed quite concerned about the restrictions imposed by the Third Agency Rule, to the point where they may well ask for an Executive waiver on this point.

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(Note: Mr. Knoche has seen this memo.)